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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:  
JOHN F. McHALE, et al.

Title:       COMMUNICATION SERVER APPARATUS PROVIDING XDSL  
              SERVICES AND METHOD

Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C.   20231

Dear Sir:

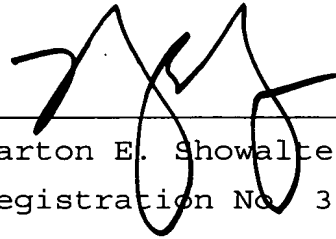
**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Applicants respectfully request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form, and previously cited in U.S. Application Serial No. 08/891,893, filed July 14, 1997 by Applicants and entitled "COMMUNICATION SERVER APPARATUS PROVIDING XDSL SERVICES AND METHOD," be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified continuation patent application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of these references are not being furnished. Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(h), no representation is made that these references qualify as prior art or that these references are material to the patentability of the present application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no fee is believed due. If, however, Applicants have overlooked the need for a fee, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any

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